

April 27

Ezekiel 11:14-21

**“One Heart,
New Spirit”**



¹⁴ Again **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying, ¹⁵ Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession. ¹⁶ Therefore say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD;** Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will **I be to them as a little sanctuary** in the countries where they shall come.

¹⁷ Therefore say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD**; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸ And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the **detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof** from thence. ¹⁹ **And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:** ²⁰ That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine

ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ²¹ But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

PARAPHRASE:

The LORD told me:
Your Israelite
brethren have been
urged to leave me.
So tell them I said that

though I have placed
you all a long way off
and among the heathen
and have scattered
them in many
countries, things
will change. To them,
I will be as “a little
sanctuary”.

Tell them I said: I’m
going to gather and
assemble them out of

the countries where
they have been
scattered and that I
will give them the
land of Israel. Severe
wickedness will be
destroyed. I will give
them a united heart
and a new spirit.

I will replace the hard,
stone-like heart with
one that is soft and
willing so they will be

able to do what is right
and to be my people. I
will be their God.

Nonetheless, there will
be some who just won't
do right—no matter
what the cost.

They are determined
to love the very core of
“detestable things” and
the “abominations” of

those vile things.

Because they reject
the one heart and
new spirit that I
want to give them,
they will be
paid, on
“their own heads”,
their own ways.